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Office Of The Governor

On November 9, 1981, Jason Jacobs was playing with his brother and sister and another friend near a gravel pit off Highway 18 and River View Road. It was mid-afternoon and the four children were enjoying the fall day. Suddenly, the earth began to shift and the surprised youngsters found themselves in the path of a landslide. Jason and Jana Jacobs were able to dodge the tumbling debris, but Torey Jacobs and his friend Steve Livermore were overwhelmed and virtually swallowed up by the crashing dirt and rock.

Remembering the Cub Scout motto, "Do Your Best," Jason jumped into action, very much intent on saving his friend's life. Steve, Jason discovered, had been pinned face down in the dirt by a large chunk of dirt and rocks. Helplessly trapped and unable to breathe, Steve was in danger of suffocation. But that was not to be. After an unsuccessful struggle to remove the rocks and dirt from Steve's back, Jason used another method. By digging out away from Steve's face, he was able to make breathing room for the frightened boy. Once Steve was clearly out of danger, Jason then helped Jana uncover their brother, Torey.

Jason stayed with the trapped boys while Jana went for help, and when Mr. Jacobs returned to assist, Jason and he were able to remove the gravel and rock that had pinned Steve to the earth. Soon the ambulance arrived and the landslide victims were taken to the hospital. Looking back, Jason could think of the two boys who were saved and the part he played in an heroic rescue.

Quick wits and fast action were the keys to Jason's successful rescue mission. He knew he had only a moment to act and he didn't waste a second. Because of his immediate response to this deadly disaster, the Jacobs and Livermore homes were filled with celebration, and not sorrow. Jason Jacobs is a hero of whom we can all feel proud.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

JASON JACOBS

and I'm pleased to know that South Dakota has such bright and courageous citizens. Thank you, Jason, for what you've done.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of September, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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